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Issue 02

# Archbishop Temple Church of England High School

## Luke 14:25-22

<sup>25</sup> Great crowds accompanied him on his way and he turned and spoke to them. <sup>26</sup> 'Anyone who comes to me without hating father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> No one who does not carry his cross and come after me can be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, anyone who saw it would start making fun of him and saying, <sup>30</sup> "Here is someone who started to build and was unable to finish." <sup>31</sup> Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who was advancing against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. <sup>33</sup> So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple without giving up all that he owns.

## Message from Mr Catlow

This week we were delighted to welcome Tom Palmer, author of *After the War*, the novel our Year 7 pupils read over the summer break. It was a joy to see our young readers so engaged and excited to meet the author of a story they have thoroughly enjoyed.

We also held our first PTFA meeting of the year. The PTFA play a vital role in supporting our school community, raising funds that help make many of our extra-curricular opportunities possible. Their next big event is the annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display, which will be here before we know it. If you would like to get involved with the PTFA, you will be warmly welcomed — and have some fun along the way. To find out more, simply complete the contact form on our school website.

Moments like these — celebrating a love of reading, working together for our community, and offering our pupils rich experiences beyond the classroom — remind us of our values of **Faith, Nurture and Service**. They are at the heart of all that we do, and it is wonderful to see them lived out so clearly in the life of our school

## Headteacher's Pupils of The Week

Year 7	Thomas C	Being a great role model and friend to others.
Year 8	Dawid M	Shown a good start to the year and responding well to his teachers
Year 9	Sebastian H	Consistently living out our school values
Year 10	Ryan D	For being outstanding and going the extra mile.
Year 11	Cleone N, Charlotte B, Anna I, Aleena J and Helena V	For always bringing joy around school

# Weekly News

## Move to Synergy

**A huge thank you to all the parents for your support over the last week as we've moved over to Synergy.**

It has been fantastic to hear your positive feedback and to know that many of you are already finding it an improvement on our previous platform. This is really encouraging as we are all still getting used to it and learning how to use it effectively.

We're pleased to share that the majority of parents are now signed up and accessing the platform. If you haven't yet registered and your child has misplaced your invite letter, please get in touch via the contact form on our school website, and we will be happy to help you get set up.

For further guidance and information, simply scan the QR code provided — it will take you directly to the Synergy page on our school website. We have begun setting homework on the Synergy App, but please bear with us as we continue to learn and adapt.

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## Breakfast in the Canteen – From 7.30am

We are delighted to see so many pupils, especially our new Year 7s, starting their day with breakfast in the school canteen. Breakfast is available from **7.30am each morning**, giving pupils a great opportunity to have a healthy start to the day and enjoy time with friends before lessons begin.

As numbers are growing, our catering staff are keen to make sure everyone is well looked after, so please do remind your child that breakfast is an option if they would like to come in a little earlier.



## Archbishop Temple Pupil Council

The Pupil Council had their first meeting of the year this week and it was fabulous to welcome back lots of familiar faces, and also to welcome lots of new members, too!

Our Pupil Council members aim to represent all pupils in school and act as a voice for their peers; both by raising any concerns and driving new ideas forward. The Pupil Council meet every Thursday in Room 15. We encourage pupils to come along and share any ideas they may have. All pupils can rest assured that their ideas will be listened to and valued.

Our Pupil Stationary shop is also back in business-helping our pupils stay organised and fully equipped for their learning. The shop can be found at the top of the Canteen stairs every Thursday.

We cannot wait to keep you updated with all our endeavours and achievements throughout the coming year.



### Tom Palmer Year 7 Author Visit

It was wonderful to welcome Tom Palmer back to school to speak with our Year 7 pupils about their summer read, *After the War*. Our pupils were highly engaged and asked thoughtful questions throughout the session. We are looking forward to exploring the book further during our visit to Castlerigg in the New Year.



Many of our Year 7 pupils worked hard on their transition booklets over the summer, but the ones that really stood out were:

- Oliver H
- Bernadette D
- Nell M
- Sophie C
- Anai C
- Pippa U
- James T
- Henry John L
- Ismail Q
- Lewis B
- Aiza H
- Pearl J
- Michelle O
- Nadine P
- Amelia W

## Pupil Success Out of School

Throughout the year, we would love to celebrate our pupils' achievements outside of school as well as within it. We know our young people accomplish amazing things in many different areas, and it's important to us that we recognise and share as many successes as we can. If your child has an achievement, you'd like us to celebrate, please email the details to Mrs Dudaniec at [I.dudaniec@archbishop temple.com](mailto:I.dudaniec@archbishop temple.com). If your child is happy for us to do so, you can also include a photograph, which we'd be delighted to post.

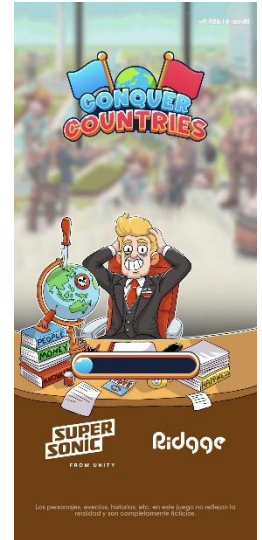
Joanna has made a big impact on the Art department this week, kindly sharing the artwork she created over the summer holidays. We loved your use of watercolours and the fantastic expressive marks on your highland cow! Joanna also entered Guernsey North Show's art competition and came **1st in her age category** with a piece on the theme of the park called "Dog o'clock". Definitely one to watch! Well done on your success, Joanna! We can't wait to create more art with you this year.



# Weekly Notices

## Online Safety Reminder

We would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of regularly checking the suitability of online games and apps that children are accessing, paying particular attention to age restrictions. Social media platforms are not recommended for secondary school pupils, and we encourage you to have appropriate monitoring and parental controls in place on your child's phone and other devices at home. Recently, concerns have been raised regarding a gaming app called *"Conquer Countries."* We continue to share online safety advice and updates from the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) and ChildNet, to support you in keeping your child safe online – these are regularly posted on our school Facebook page.



## Road Safety

Please take a moment to speak with your child about the importance of keeping themselves safe when walking or cycling to and from school.

As you know, St Vincent's Road, Garstang Road, and Sharoe Green Lane are all extremely busy both before and after school. Mr Catlow, Mr Haslam, and other members of the Senior Leadership Team are stationed at the front of school during these times to support pupils crossing the roads. However, we have received reports of some near misses, with pupils stepping out into the road in front of vehicles.

We kindly ask that you encourage your child to use the designated crossings on Garstang Road and Sharoe Green Lane. It may mean walking a little further, but it is by far the safer option. All pupils who cycle to school **MUST** wear a cycle helmet and we will be checking when they arrive to school that they are following this very important safety rule.

As always, Year 7 pupils will take part in their **Streetwise Road Safety Talk on 15th September**.

## Sevilla Trip

We would like to remind parents that the information meeting for the Trip in October will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm in the Main Hall.



# Subject News

## English



*Weekly English awards*  
Archbishop Temple

**Year 7 Award**  
Name: Nadine  
Reason: for an amazing attitude to English (PBA)

**Year 8 Award**  
Name: Rylee  
Reason: for superb attitude and effort during lessons (GEE)

**Year 9 Award**  
Name: Reuben  
Reason: a fantastic start to Year 9 English (JOM)

**Year 10 Award**  
Name: Henson  
Reason: for a fabulous start to Year 10 (PBA)

**Year 11 Award**  
Name: Rhea  
Reason: for brilliant essays over summer (GEE)

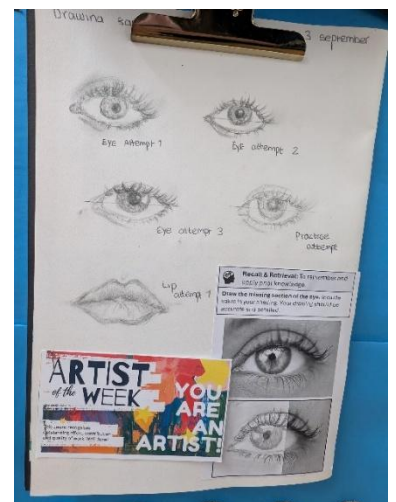
Celebrating progress, effort and excellence in English each week!

## Art

It has been wonderful to welcome our artists back to the art rooms this week and we've already been amazed at the work created. Welcome to our first 'Artist's of the Week!'. Well done to :

- ❖ Allen D and Oliver B in Year 7 who have shown fantastic creativity with your zentangle doodles.
- ❖ Eva R and Sam S in Year 8 have shown excellent observational skills when drawing our sweets and treats!
- ❖ Finally, Carys R and Jamie R impressed with their portraiture studies, aiming for realism this week.

Well done everyone, make sure to check out your artwork on display in room 27.



## Maths

### Challenge yourself to a 20-minute puzzle!

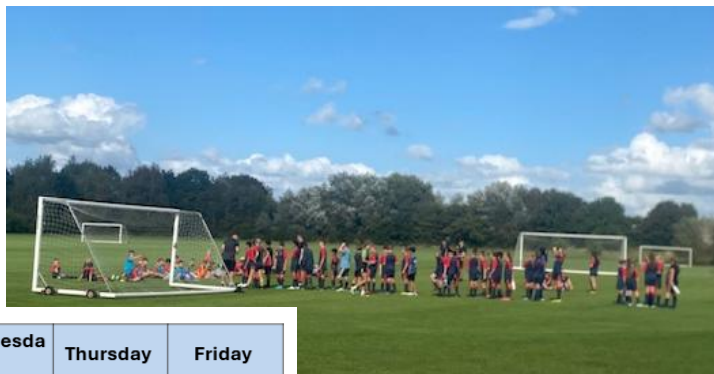
Go to [parallel.org.uk/signup](https://parallel.org.uk/signup) to create an account, using **teacher code OSST-WC81** when prompted.

Every week on Thursday at 3pm pupils will receive an email link to a new set of fun mathematical challenges – please encourage your child to give it a go!




## PE

It has been fantastic to see so many pupils joining our after-school PE clubs this week. All pupils are welcome to take part — simply check the timetable below and encourage your child to come along on the day.



When	Venue	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch 1:00 - 1:40	Sports Hall	Y10/11 Netball (EW)	KS3 Trampoline (AL)	Y9, Y10 & Y11 Basketball (DT)		Y9 Netball (AL)
	Outside	Y7 Football (DT)	Y9 Football (AG)	Y8 Football (AG)	Y10 Football (DT)	Y11 Football (AG)
	Classroom					PE Intervention (DT)
After School 3:00-4:00		All Years Dance (EW)		All Years Rugby (AG)	All Years Girls Football (DT)	
		All Years Badminton (GF/RH)		All Years Run Club (LW & SOL)		
				Y7&8 Netball (AL)		

## Performing Arts





### Upcoming Theatre Trip: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

The Performing Arts Department is organising a theatre visit to watch a performance of **'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'** for KS3 pupils.

*This captivating stage production uses impressive puppetry and theatrical magic to bring C.S. Lewis's classic story to life! Follow the Pevensie children through the wardrobe and witness their adventure to fight against the evil White Witch and save Narnia from endless winter.*

For further information and to express interest in this trip, please respond to the Synergy Broadcast sent earlier this week.



## Confident in Mind, Courageous at Heart – Shining Our Light Through the Performing Arts.



	Lunchtime		After School	
Monday	Choir	Music 1	Dance Club Senior Drama Club	Drama Studio Main Hall
Tuesday	Musical Theatre Choir	Music 2		
Wednesday	Music GCSE Drop In	Music 1	Junior Drama Club Jazz Band	Main Hall Music 1
Thursday	Allchestra Ukulele Club	Music 1 Music 2	Worship Band	Music 1
Friday	Samba Band	Music 1	GCSE Drama Support	Drama Studio

## Important Dates for your Diary

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Thursday	11/09/2025	Afternoon	Year 7 Author visit (Tom Palmer) – don't forget your book to get signed.
Friday	12/09/2025	Morning	Year 7 & 11 Portrait Photographs
Monday	15/09/2025	Lesson 5	Year 7 Streetwise Road Safety
Monday	22/09/2025	4 -5:30pm	Year 11 Information Evening
Thursday	25/09/2025	5pm	Seville trip parent meeting (LJI)
Monday	29/09/2025	4pm	Year 10 Information Evening
Monday	06/10/2025	4pm	Year 7 Information Evening (A chance to meet the your child's form tutor) and collect your child's iPad
Thursday	09/10/2025	4-7pm	Open Evening (School closes for pupils at 12:30pm)
Monday	13/10/2025	4pm	Year 8 Information Evening
Wed-Sat	15/10/2025 - 18/10/2025		Seville Trip
Wed-Thurs	22/10/2025 - 23/10/2025		Year 11 2-day trip to Oxford University
Thursday	23/10/2025	5:30 -7pm	Y7 Disco (at school)
Friday	24/10/2025	All day	INSET Day (Pupils stay at home)
Mon-Fri	27/10/2025 - 31/10/2025	All Week	Half Term
Monday	03/11/2025	8:20pm	Back to school (Half Term 2)
Friday	07/11/2025		Archbishop Temple PTA Bonfire Night

**The above dates do not include EVERYTHING that is happening in school. Please see our School Calendar on our website for more**



## Parent's Evenings

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
12 <sup>th</sup> March	15 <sup>th</sup> January	4 <sup>th</sup> December	26 <sup>th</sup> February	22 <sup>nd</sup> January

